resulting in decreased forced vital capacity. Acute reactions in the eyes have now subsided. However, persistent corneal opacities in the gas exposed population is found on slit lamp examination. Large numbers of the population have also suffered from a wide range of neurotic disorders. Studies carried out in mothers and children have revealed that there has been a high abortion rate in women who were exposed to the toxic gas during the first trimester of pregnancy.

**Legislation for infant milkfoods**

@1774. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to legislate for regulation of production, supply and distribution of infant milk foods and if so, by when; and

(b) whether implementation of the proposed Act is likely to be taken up at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. No time schedule has been proposed for legislation.

**Encouragement to Private Sector in Tourism**

1775. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the circumstances which compelled Government to encourage the private sector in tourism in a big way;

(b) whether it would adversely affect the services of work force numbering 10,000 in the India Tourism Development Corporation;

(c) what are the reasons for which wage revision for the employees of India Tourism Development Corporation and its Transport Division has not been made since March, 1973 and those in Hotels and Catering Establishments since June, 1986, respectively; and

(d) what are the reasons for which vacancies in India Tourism Development Corporation are not filled up by making regular appointments and for recruiting workers on daily wage basis?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) Private sector plays a major role in development of tourism in the country. To attract more investment in tourism a package of incentives concessions has been offered to private sector by Government.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Wages of employees in ITDC Headquarters and its Transport Division are based on the recommendations of the Third Pay Commission A High Powered Committee (HPC) has been constituted to go into the revision of pay of such employees working in public sector undertakings including ITDC as are in receipt of Central Government D.A.

Interim Relief granted by HPC from time to time has been allowed to this category of ITDC employees. ITDC Hotels & Catering Establishment employees on Industrial DA Pattern have also been granted with effect from 1.1.1986 Interim Relief as in the case of all such public sector undertakings employees governed by Industrial DA Pattern, pending revision of their wages.

(d) Vacancies in the ITDC are filled based on business requirements and commercial viability. Only for

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@Previously Unstarred Question 1295, transferred from the 5th August, 1988.

short duration operations, such as, holding of conferences, seminars, etc. persons are engaged on daily wages to meet immediate manpower requirements.

**Privatisation of C.L.W.**

1776. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether privatisation of Chittaranjan Locomotive Works is in the offing; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Setting up of Container Terminal at Calcutta**

1777. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of progress made so far in the setting up of a container terminal at Calcutta; and

(b) what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The container handling project for Calcutta Docks was sanctioned in 1985 It envisages the following:—

(i) A cotainer parking yard;

(ii) Container freight station, roads etc.;

(iii) Electrical sub-station and other ancillary lighting works;

(iv) Roads, water supply, drainage and miscellaneous works; and

(v) Provision of two transtainers. At present only the civil works are in progress.

**Railway service between Adra and Howrah**

1778. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of trains running between Adra and Howrah;

(b) whether it is considered enough for the people of Midnapore, Gorbets, Bishnupur, Ramsagar and Bankura;

(c) whether Government are aware that the requirement of these places has increased after the establishment of Vidyasagar University at Midnapore;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to look into the difficulties of the students of the area; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (e) 2 pairs between Adra-Howrah, 5 pairs between Adra-Kharagpur with changeover facility and a number of EMU locals between Midnapore-Howrah are adequately serving the present level of traffic.

**Halt stations at Bhadutala in Adra-Kharagpur Section**

1779. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for opening of halt stations at Bhadutala and Metal Sahar in Adra-Kharagpur section of S.E. Railway;

(b) whether it is a fact that the people in this section have been demanding these halt stations since long;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to open such halt stations;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (e) Some representations have